

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) (37 C.F.R. 1.114)

Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

This request is being submitted before (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146. Applicant notes that a Petition to Revive is being filed herewith.

Included herewith is an Amendment and Remarks to the Office Action mailed August 4, 2006.

Checks in the amount of \$1240.00 were sent on October 25, 2006 for the continued examination request fee (\$790.00) and a two-month extension of time (\$450.00). The

checks were accepted, though they were misapplied to application 09/998,153, and Applicant therefore believes that no additional fees are due at this time. Applicant hereby authorizes the Patent and Trademark Office to charge deposit account number 02-0383 for any other charges necessary for the filing of this Request for Continued Examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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